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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EARLY RELEASE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF ME AGMT. FROM
TOKYO

REF: TOKYO 14676

1. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA HAS ALSO CALLED TO EXPRESS GOJ
REGRETS AND PROVIDE EXPLANATION FOR EARLY RELEASE OF
ANNOUNCEMENT OF ME AGREEMENT. YASUKAWA REQUESTED THESE BE
PASSED TO THE SECRETARY.

2. JAPANESE EMBASSY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS IN EXPLAINING
WHAT HAPPENED:

A. ON LATE AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 9TH CHARGE SHOESMITH SAW
VICE MINISTER HOGEN AT FORNMINISTRY TO CONVEY CONTENTS OF
ME TRUCE ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE
MADE IN WASHINGTON AT MIDNIGHT TOKYO TIME AND GOJ SHOULD
BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BEFORE THEN. HIS PURPOSE WAS TO
INFORM GOJ OF AGREEMENT JUST BEFORE IT WAS OFFICIALLY
PUBLICIZED.

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B. GOJ VERY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT ME EVENTS,
ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF EFFECT ON JAPANESE OIL SUPPLY, AND
WAS ANXIOUS TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO RELIEVE ANXIETIES OF
JAPANESE PEOPLE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. HOGEN THEREFORE

PASSED SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT TO JAPANESE PRESS AT 6 PM

BRIEFING ON STRICT CONDITION FACTS WOULD BE OFF-RECORD AND EMBARGOED UNTIL OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE IN WASHINGTON AT MIDNIGHT.

C. LATE IN EVENING CHARGE INFORMED HOGEN THAT NEWS HAD BEEN RELEASED PREMATURELY BY GOJ AND THAT HE WAS SURPRISED AND EMBARRASSED AND WISHED TO PROTEST STRONGLY TO GOJ.

D. JAPANESE UNDERSTOOD THAT NEWS WAS TO BE EMBARGOED UNTIL MIDNIGHT. OUR CHARGE, HOWEVER, DID NOT KNOW THAT GOJ WOULD RELEASE ANY INFORMATION TO PRESS IN ADVANCE. AT 10:30 PM ON THE 9TH CHARGE INFORMED GOJ THAT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TIME WOULD BE AT 2 AM ON THE 10TH. AT THAT TIME HE DID NOT KNOW ADVANCE BRIEFING ALREADY GIVEN TO PRESS.

E. HOGEN HAS EXPRESSED REGRET TO CHARGE THAT NEWS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED FIRST FROM TOKYO. CHARGE LATER TOLD OKAWARA AT FORNMINISTRY THAT HE WAS REPORTING TO WASHINGTON THAT HOGEN HAD EXPRESSED REGRET RELEASE HAD BEEN "MISHANDLED".

F. AT 12:30 PM MIDDAY ON 10TH FORNMINISTRY PUBLISHED AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER TO THE PRESS. RUSH

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